

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No:	EAS.44
Historic Name:	Sparrow, Capt. Samuel S. House
Common Name:	
Address:	90 Old State Hwy
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	20-117B
Year Constructed:	r 1850
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	Greek Revival
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Clapboard; Wood; Wood Shingle Foundation: Brick



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Assessor's
Number

20/117B

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Orleans

Area(s)

Form Number

44

Town

Eastham

(neighborhood or village)

90 Old State Highway

ic Name

Present

Residential

Original

"

f Construction

Mid 19th Century

See Bibliography*

Form Greek Revival, Gable-end,
ntry Dwelling with Lateral Wing

ect/Builder

or Material:

Foundation

Brick

Wall/Trim

Clapboard

Roof

Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition

Excellent

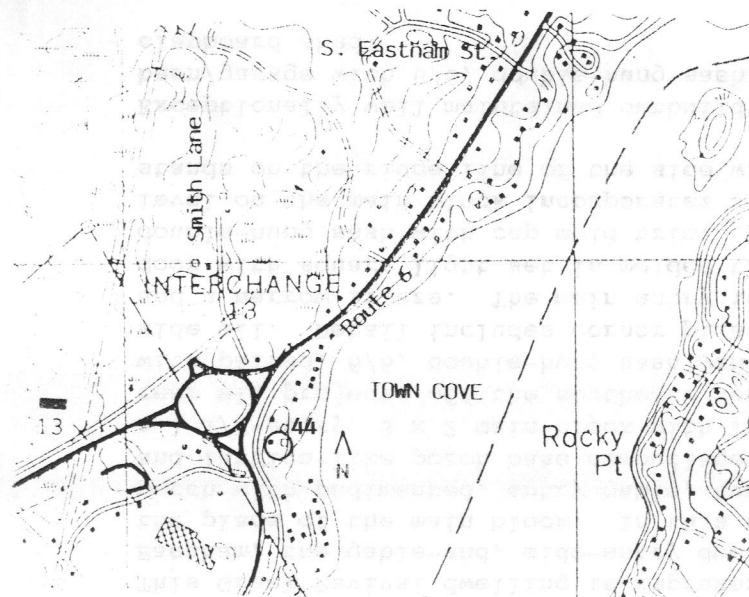
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Acreage

1.06 acres

Setting Located in a densely-settled,
mixed-use, but largely residential section
just off the rotary on Route 6, the major,
Cape Cod, inter-community thoroughfare,
the former county road and a continuation
of the original Old King's Highway.

here. Indicate North.



Recorded by: Dianne L. Siergiej

Organization: Commonweal Collaborative

Date: May 1995

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BUILDING FORM

90 Old State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

This Greek Revival dwelling is representative of a house form very common to Eastham, the gable-end, side-entry dwelling with lateral wing set flush with the plane of the main block. In this case, a large, victorian, wrap-around porch with pedimented, entry gable, turned posts with knobs, square balusters and lattice-like porch base camouflages the plan. The basic form consists of a 1 1/2-story, 3 x 2 main block with 1 1/2-story, side ell. A gable-roofed rear ell projects off the southeast corner of the lateral wing. A shed dormer with paired, 6/6, double-hung sash windows pierces the front slope of the side ell. Detail includes corner pilasters, boxed, molded cornice with return and a narrow frieze. The main entry is comprised of a paneled wood cottage door with square light set in molded trim. Fenestration consists of 6/6, double-hung sash with cap mold trim. As is common in Eastham, the second level on the main block incorporates 3 windows. A tall, corbeled chimney stands on the ridge line of the side wing.

Exceptionally well maintained outbuildings include a 1 1/2-story, gable-roofed barn/garage with 6/6, double-hung sash. and a small, 3-bay, gable-roofed clapboard shed.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Title research by Ruth E. Mayo on file at the Eastham Historical Society Archives attributes this house to Samuel Sparrow whom she traced in assessor's records to the 1850's. Samuel S. Sparrow (b. Chatham; d. 1882), the son of Abner and Polly (Harding) Sparrow was a master mariner who commanded several vessels. He married twice. With his first wife, Captain Sparrow had two children, only one of whom survived, Pauline F. Sparrow. She married Richard S. Myrick, a carpenter and the son of John Q. and Mercy (Lincoln) Myrick.

The second wife of Samuel S. Sparrow, Mary S. (Crosby) Sparrow, was the daughter of Haskell and Fanny (Atwood) Crosby and the granddaughter of Isaiah and Betsey Crosby. In 1893, she sold the property (Bk. 204: Pg. 505), including a house and other buildings, to Orlando H. Davenport of Boston, who spent summers in Eastham.

In 1914, the property was purchased by Wilfred Bolster (b. Boston, September 13, 1866; d. May 3, 1947) of Boston, Chief Justice of the Municipal Court. He was the son of Solomon A. Bolster (b. South Paris, Maine) and Sarah J. (Gardner) Bolster (b. Dixfield, Maine). His wife was Jeanie Tolman Pond (b. October 15, 1869). The property remained in the Bolster family until 1972.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 X Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

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EAS.44



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Community: Eastham
Property Address: 90 Old State Highway

EAS.44

Area Form No. 44

National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement

Check all that apply:

☒ Individually eligible ☐ Eligible only in a historic district
☐ Contributing to a potential historic district ☐ Potential historic district

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Statement of Significance by: Dianne L. Siergiej
The criteria that are checked in the above sections must be justified here.

The property at 90 Old State Highway is significant on a local level with regard to the above-referenced criteria as one of the best preserved examples of the gable-end, side-entry house form with flush-plane, lateral wing in Eastham. It is also significant for its association with Captain Samuel S. Sparrow who commanded several vessels. Also on site is a grouping of exceptionally well-maintained outbuildings including a barn/garage and shed.

Original yellow form: Eligibility file _____
Copies: Inventory form X _____
Town file(w/corresp.) _____
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NR director _____

EAS.44

Community: Eastham

MHC OPINION: ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Date Received: 10/16/95

Date Due:

Date Reviewed: 12/6/95

Type: X Individual

 District (Attach map indicating boundaries)

Name:

Inventory Form: EAS.44

Address: 90 Old State Highway

Requested by: Eastham Historical Commission

Action: X Honor ITC Grant R & C Other:

Agency:

Staff in charge of Review: TA

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

 Eligible
 Eligible, also in district
 Eligible only in district
 Ineligible
X More information needed

DISTRICTS

 Eligible
 Ineligible
 More information needed

CRITERIA: A B C D

LEVEL: Local State National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE by Terry Adams

Like the properties at 120 Bridge Road and 645 State Highway, the house at 90 Old State Highway is an example of a locally significant Greek Revival building form: a 1 1/2-story dwelling with a gable front and a lateral wing flush with the plane of the house's principal facade. However, unlike the other two properties of this type, the house at 90 Old State highway has a Victorian-era porch that wraps around the house's lateral wing, at least partly obscuring what may be the house's most significant architectural feature. In order to assess the eligibility of this property, MHC staff would need more information on surviving historic features and on the property's physical evolution through the 19th and 20th centuries, as well as additional information about the house's historical association with prominent citizens of Eastham.